

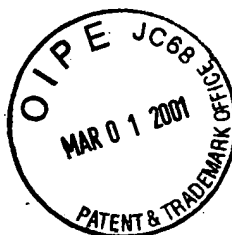


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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

- The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.

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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.) (see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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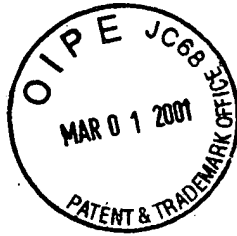
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Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$260.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Late filing of executed Declaration \$130.00

Other: English Translation of Application \$130.00

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Katsuei TANABE et al.

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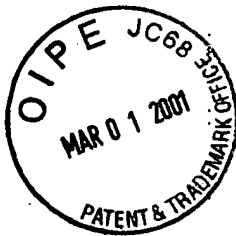
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**COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING VERIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF
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APPLICATION DECLARATION FILED AFTER APPLICATION FILING DATE**

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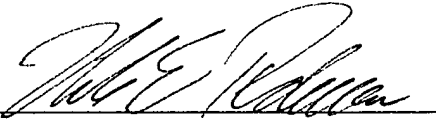
In response to the PTO Notice of February 6, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, also enclosed is a verified English translation of the above application. Further, enclosed is the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. 1.52(d). Attached is a set of substitute formal drawings.

Further, enclosed is an application Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors and identifying the above application by Serial No. 09/723,729 and Filing Date December 11, 2000. Also enclosed is the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. - 1.16(e).

Therefore, it is submitted that the application now is complete, and early issuance of a Filing Receipt is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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